

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 39 are canceled. Claims 2, 10, and 40 are amended. Claims 2-38, 40 and 41 remain in the application.

Claims 39-41 are rejected for lack of enablement for "segmenting nodes". Claim 40 is amended to delete the offending phrase. Claims 40 and 41 are now directed to "a method for communicating among nodes in a network of communication nodes". Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-18 and 39-41 are rejected for vagueness. Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2-18 are now directed to a "method for scrambling communications formatted in a digital frame structure". Claim 39 has been canceled and claims 40 and 41 are now directed to a "method for communicating among nodes in a network of communication nodes". Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 39 is rejected for anticipation. The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 39.

Claim 1 is rejected for obviousness. The rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 1.

Claims 19-38 are allowed. Claims 2-18, 40, and 41 are now allowable. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully request early notice of allowance and allowability.

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